

THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended to delete reference numerals and the term "characterised in that" so as to put the claims in better U.S. form. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amendments to the claims are clearly clerical in nature and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

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It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits proceed in view of this Preliminary Amendment.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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